(1)	(2)	(3)
24. IS-1001(F)/30.4.90	3.71	Reasons for delay at Note 1 below.
25. IS-1001(G)/30.4.90	32.89	-do-
26. IS-1001(H)/30.4.90	2.22	-do-
27. IS-1037(A)/17.1.91	31.21	-do-
28. IS-1037(B)/17.1.91	30.84	-do-
29. IS-2037/2.4.93	46.25	-do-

Bursting of Pipelines

7811. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 538 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1993 and subsequent implementation Report laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 1994 and state:

(a) what is the actual cost of investigation/repair/re-work, etc. incurred in respect of each of the four bursts of the pipelines;

(b) what is the latest position about the recovery of these costs from the Bank Guarantee furnished by the suppliers;

(c) whether any penalty has been imposed and realised from the supplier firms for their failures and if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether there has been any penalty clause provided in the agreements entered into with the supplier firms of these pipelines, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what is the present position in respect of each of the pipeline contracts and by when each of them is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The total cost of investigation, repair/rework etc., was about Rs. 15.6 lakhs.

(b) The cost of investigation, repair/rework has been recovered from the supplier.

(c) and (d) The costs incurred in locating the bursts, removal and replacement of the defective pipe, inspection and retesting of the pipeline etc., have been recovered from the supplier as per the penalty provisions of the contract.

(e) The Boreri-Gadepan pipeline has been commissioned in June, 1993. It has been decided to replace the Bombay subtransmission pipeline by a new pipeline at the cost of the supplier of the line pipes.

Check on Private Companies Engaged In Marketing Cooking Gas

7812. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of private compaines which are marketing or are permitted to market cooking gas in the country other than the public sector oil companies;

(b) whether Governemnt are aware that such private companies have collected huge amounts from the public as dealership deposits; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to regulate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Under the Parallel Marketing System, private agencies can import and market LPG for which they are not required to obtain any approval from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

(b) and (c) Such reports have come to the notice of the Government. The State and UT Governments have been advised to ban collection of deposits by parallel marketeers without making adequate arrangements for supply of these products. Besides, they have also been advised to verify the genuineness, antecedents and capabilities of persons/agencies intending to take up activities

under the parallel marketing system and to take appropriate action against persons who have been found indulging in fraudulent and unfair trade practices. Public have also been suitably advised and warned through press released that they must find out the antecedents, genuineness and capabilities of concerned parallel marketeers before entering into any transaction with them. MRTP Commission also takes action against persons/firms/compaines indulging in unfair trade practices.

LPG Agencies in Tamil Nadu

7813. SHRI RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PG agencies in Tamil Nadu as on 31st March, 1994;

(b) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to increase the number of LPG agencies in that state by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) As on 1.1.1994, there were 314 LPG distributorships in Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Marketing Plan beyond 1993-94 has not been finalised. Proposals for setting up of 50 LPG distributorships in Tamil Nadu have been included in the current LPG Marketing Plan. Subject to economic viability and product availability, locations having population of 20,000 and above as per 1991 Census are considered for setting up of LPG distributorship.

Agreement With Foreign Countries For Import of Oil

7814. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries and the agreements which were signed with them for the import of oil during the last year;

(b) the quantity of oil to be imported from each country under the agreement and the respective rates thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) During 1993-94 Indian Oil Corporation contracted for imports of about 17.50 MMT of crude oil under term contracts from national Oil Companies of Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Iran, Malaysia, Qatar, Yemen and Russia at official selling prices declared by the individual country which are market related.

Proposal For A National Oil Exploration Plan

7815. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Oil Exploration Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Govt. intends to intensify exploration efforts for which an enhanced exploration strategy is being formulated. Apart from the normal exploration work this would encompass a national seismic programme; exploration in deep waters and overseas exploration ventures.